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In re Application of: LENHARD et al.

Serial No.: 09/700,409

Examiner: Hines, Jana A.

Filing Date: December 11, 2000

Art Unit: 1645

For: *Infrared Thermography*

Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2002 (Paper No. 8) for which a 1 month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Accordingly, a Petition and Fee for a one-month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, extending the period of time for response to May 15, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392. Early examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

REMARKS

Claims 1-71 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of five groups. In response to such restriction, Applicants wish to proceed as follows.

Applicants elect without traverse Group I drawn to a method of screening a test agent for its ability to cause a thermodynamic change, claims 1-57, for proceeding with prosecution on the merits.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper other than those specifically authorized herewith. However, should any other

fees be deemed necessary to effect the timely filing of this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

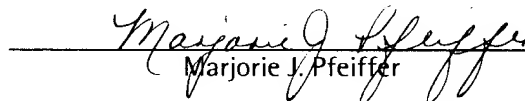
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